

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a blind fastener, usually a blind rivet, (10) comprising a mandrel (22) and an elongate cylindrical body (16) mounted on a stem (24) of such mandrel so as to extend co-axially about a central axis A of such blind rivet, the body (16) having a flange (18) at one end and a tail end (20) at an axially opposed end, for insertion through a hole in a workpiece, the mandrel having a mandrel head (26) in operative engagement with this tail end (20) for transmitting force thereto during setting of such fastener, wherein the body (16) has two different external diameters (d, D) and a radially extending shoulder (32) therebetween such that the external diameter (D) of the body adjacent to the flange (18) is greater than the external diameter (d) of the body adjacent to the tail end, wherein the body between this shoulder (32) and the flange is at least partially encased in a resilient, shock absorbing material (36).